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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,403,318	Boehringer et al.	Apr 04, 1995

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S):

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	101 00 630	Jun 20, 2002
EPO	695 607	Feb 07, 1996

The references listed above were cited by the German Examiner in Applicant's counterpart German patent application 102 31 393.8 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

English language abstracts are attached to DE 101 00 630 and EP 695 607.

OTHER U.S. PATENT(S) :

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
4,584,999	Arnegger	Apr 29, 1986
5,306,285	Miller et al.	Apr 26, 1994

OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	32 22 339	Jan 27, 1983

DE 32 22 339 and U.S. Patent 5,306,283 are mentioned in the present application.

DE 32 22 339 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent 4,584,999 submitted herewith.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application, and therefore no fee is due.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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